



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Antoine Drouot
SERIAL NO.: 09/672,182 EXAMINER: Anthony M. Mackowey
FILED: September 28, 2000 ART UNIT: 2623
FOR: METHOD OF PROCESSING AND CORRESPONDING
FILTERING DEVICE

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action of the above referred to application, which
applicant requests that examination be continued, kindly enter the following amendment: